

***Welcome Members!***

This is the first issue of our newly conceived Historical Society quarterly newsletter, *High Point, Historically Speaking*, thanks to the overwhelming response we received from our recent membership survey. Each issue will include: Membership Update, Artifact Contributors, Artifact Conservation Activities, Volunteer Spotlight, Museum Store News, and Neighboring Institution "Day Tripping". We hope you enjoy your newsletter!



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***Spring Trip to Lynchburg, Virginia***

The HPHS recently returned from their spring trip to the Lynchburg, Virginia area where they visited two historic sites, Poplar Forest and Point of Honor. The sun was shining, the trees were budding, the flowers were blooming, and gentle breezes were blowing. It was an absolutely perfect day for our trip. At Poplar Forest, a retreat home of Thomas Jefferson, we first toured the grounds and were given a historical frame of reference



**Poplar Forest**



**Point of Honor**

for both its timeline and unique architectural designs both inside and outside of the home. Afterward, we enjoyed a delicious downtown lunch at The Depot Grille. We highly recommend it if you're in the area. Our trip concluded with a brief visit to Point of Honor, a stately Federal-style plantation home that is beautifully situated near the James River. Point of Honor now serves as a city museum. Many said it was the best trip in quite some time. Stay tuned for information regarding our upcoming fall trip. Let's pack the bus again! **(contributed by Abby Lewallen, Museum Store Manager)**

***Membership Update***

**The following members renewed their Historical Society membership in first quarter 2019:**

Anne and Norman Andrews  
 Mary & Robert Barnett  
 Gertrude Beal  
 Donald Belton  
 Samuel Bickley  
 Michael Biesecker  
 Thomas and Maryellen Burke  
 Geraldine Castillejos  
 Annette Cox  
 Mary Cox  
 Shirley Duncan  
 Phillip Fulton  
 Robert Granger  
 Rebecca Gurkin

Gloria Halstead  
 Gayle Kearns  
 Jerry & Mary Lou Kyle  
 Mr. & Mrs. Rick L. Lewis  
 Kathryn Mendenhall  
 Bill Phillips  
 Dave Phillips  
 John Pickett  
 Helen Preston  
 Jan Samet  
 Lillian Scofield  
 Paul Siceloff  
 James Snow  
 Virginia Thomas

Punny Wasmer  
 Frances Wilfong  
 Linda Willard

**The following members joined the Historical Society in first quarter 2019:**

Stephanie & Michael Goldman  
 Krystal Guidry  
 Bernita Sims

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

## Artifact Conservation Activities

Last fall, the High Point Historical Society's sixth annual **Adopt-an-Artifact campaign** raised funds to conserve a stained glass window from the now-demolished First Baptist Church on Washington Street.

The stained glass portions of the window were in good shape, but the wooden frame was badly deteriorated and breaking apart. Now that it has been conserved, it's able to be safely displayed and will be preserved for future generations.

As you may remember, the previous year's campaign also funded conservation of an altar chair and plant stand from the church. With the generous support of 24 donors, over \$1,600 was raised. Conservation of the window totaled a little over \$1,000. Almost \$400 was applied to the conservation of the altar chair and plant stand. The remaining funds will go toward the preservation of the Historical Society's collections.  
(contributed by **Corinne Midgett, Museum Registrar**)



**Conservation of the First Baptist Church stained glass window in progress.**

## Artifact Contributions

The following artifacts were donated to the High Point Museum in the first quarter of 2019

**Jim Armstrong, Donor**

High Point Chamber of Commerce-related items: most notably, two photos of a High Point delegation in Washington, D.C., with Senator Jesse Helms and two photos of Furniture Plaza in 1973

**Deanna Bishop, Donor**

Annual Report of Thomasville Furniture Industries, 1963

**Mary Fay Bodenheimer, Donor**

Pair of child-size overalls, by Anvil Brand

**Brad Bulla, Donor & Anne Andrews, Agent**

Unknown item (drying rack for repaired items), stamped "Wagger Jewelry Co. / Elwood Hotel Corner / High Point, NC"

**Joan Campbell, Donor**

High Point Rockers promotional items

**Glenn Chavis, Donor**

Certificate of promotion, Eva Mae Portee, High Point Public Schools, June 5, 1931  
Ruff Hewn shirt

**Jay Hohn, Donor**

Black and white digital photograph, Red Sox Little League baseball team, 1952

**Randall Johnson, Donor**

Booklet of recipes from General Electric (High Point Hardware, c. 1937)  
Invitation to NC gubernatorial inauguration of James G. "Jim" Martin, 1985

**Ashley M. Kearns, Donor**, employee of High Point Rockers baseball team

Shovel, used at groundbreaking for BB&T Point Stadium; Baseball, BB&T Point; Paperweight, commemorating groundbreaking of BB&T Point Stadium

**Gene Kester, Donor**

Wooden attaché case, Amish Crafted Furniture  
50th anniversary plaque of High Point High School, Class of 1962, carved and signed by Sonny Hazzard

**Benita VanWinkle, Donor**

Box of rolled film from The High Point Enterprise

**Richard Wood, Donor**

Paperweight/plaque, Bank of North Carolina (BNC)/Pinnacle

**Collected by Museum staff**

High Point Rockers items: Magnet calendar, High Point Rockers inaugural season (2019); T-shirt, High Point Rockers 100-day countdown to Opening Day, 2019

Resource Guide, High Point Market, Spring 2018 (April 14-18, 2018)

Business High Point items: Button, "Proud Member", 100 Years; Program, awards celebration, February 19, 2019

(contributed by **Corinne Midgett, Museum Registrar**)

## *Volunteer Spotlight*

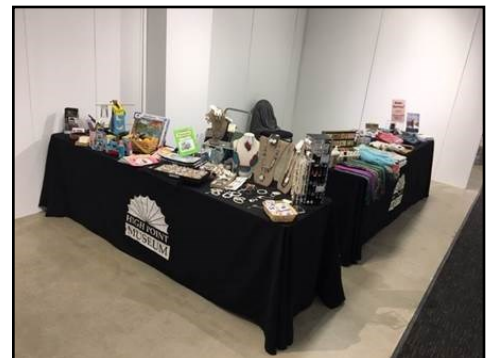
The High Point Historical Society's *Volunteer Spotlight* for the first quarter 2019 is on **Jordan Lessard**. Jordan joined the Historical Society in 2017 and was elected to the Board in 2018. He has made a significant contribution to the organization by donating his time in overseeing and managing the investments for the Historical Society. Through his careful management, our investments have seen a reasonable amount of growth over the past nine months. When you see Jordan, be sure to say "Thank You"!



Jordan with his wife, Leah

## *Museum Store News*

The Museum Store kicked off spring with its return to the Furniture Market in April. Many old friends came by to welcome us back and new acquaintances were made aplenty. While there, we were able to share about the museum, the historical society, our unique park and programs, and of course make sales! Customers especially appreciated the direct benefit their purchases made to our artifacts and preservation efforts. As store manager, Abby set and met her sales goal! This was "icing on the cake" since her main objective was to learn the "furniture market process" from start to finish. Look out, Fall Market, we are ready for you now! (contributed by Abby Lewallen, Museum Store Manager)



The Museum Store at the Spring 2019 Furniture Market

## *Neighboring Institution "Day Tripping"*



Historic Brattonsville

Culture & Heritage Museums (<http://www.chmuseums.org/>)  
(803) 329-2121, 4621 Mt. Gallant Rd., Rock Hill, SC 29732

The Culture & Heritage Museums is a family of museums in York County, SC, which includes: **Historic Brattonsville**, the **McCelvey Center**, the **Museum of York County** and the **Main Street Children's Museum** in Old Town Rock Hill.

You can access the full list of institutions at: <https://www.semcdirect.net/SERM-Participants>

*The High Point Historical Society owns and cares for the High Point Museum collection, securing the history of greater High Point in order to foster a shared appreciation of the diverse stories, artifacts, events and traditions of our community.*

## *Historical Society Program Schedule*

The Program Committee of the High Point Historical Society presents monthly programs on local history topics from Sept.-May. The events are typically on the third Wednesday of the month at 10am.

### **Here's our tentative calendar for 2019-20:**

September 19th	Bicycles in High Point (to be confirmed)
October 16th	100th Anniversary of the High Point Chamber of Commerce
November 20th	High Point Preservation Society Photographs (HPU students)
December 1st	47th Annual Museum Holiday Open House
January 15th	Museum plans for Exhibit on Textile/Hosiery in High Point
February 19th	Centennial High Point: Panel Discussion with members of family-owned businesses
March, TBD	Annual Day Trip (destinations and details to be announced)
April 15th	History of Brewing in NC (UNCG Library)
May 20th	To be determined

**NOTE:** This schedule is subject to change based on availability of speaker or weather-related events.

### ***HIGH POINT HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2019-20 BOARD OF TRUSTEES***

Brandon Hedrick, <b>President</b>	Tyler Adamson	Emily Gallimore
Jordan Lessard, <b>President-Elect</b>	Tawannah Allen	Joe Gray
Paul Ringel, <b>Secretary</b>	Jason Anderson	Jamie Harris
Van Voorhees Trivette, <b>Treasurer</b>	Donald Belton	Randall Johnson
	Susie Bland	Julie Raynor
	Brian Evans	Linda Willard

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